

Tem language

Tem (Temba), or **Kotokoli** (Cotocoli), is a Gur language spoken in Togo, Ghana, and Benin. It is used by neighboring peoples. In Ghana the Kotokoli people comes from a northern part of the Volta Region a town called Kuoe. Kuoe shares boarder with Togo with a small river which is called the Kuoe river separating it from Togo.

Writing System

Tem	
 <div>Kotokoli</div>	
Region	Togo, Ghana, Benin
Ethnicity	Tem people
Native speakers	290,000 in Togo and Benin (2001–2012) ^[1] ca. 50,000 in Ghana (1987–1993) ^[2]
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gur<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gurunsi<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eastern<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tem</div>
Writing system	Latin (Tem alphabet) Tem Braille
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kdh
Glottolog	temm1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/temm1241) ^[3]

Alphabet																																		
Uppercase	A	B	C	D	Ɖ	E	Ɛ	F	G	Gb	H	I	L	J	K	Kp	L	M	N	Ny	Ɗ	Ɗm	O	Ɔ	P	R	S	T	U	Ʈ	V	W	Y	Z
Lowercase	a	b	c	d	ɖ	e	ɛ	f	g	gb	h	i	ɭ	j	k	kp	l	m	n	ny	ɗ	ɗm	o	ɔ	p	r	s	t	u	ɥ	v	w	y	z

High tone is indicated by an acute accent: á é é́ í ó ó́ ú ú́, no accent indicates low tone. Long vowels are indicated by doubling the letter: aa ee ɛɛ ii ɭ ɭ oo ɔɔ uu ʊʊ, both are accented id the tone is high: (áá etc.), only the first is accented if the tone is descending (áa), only the second is accented if the tone is ascending (aá).

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